

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

No claims are amended or cancelled. Claims 1-31 remain pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-5, 9, 12-17, 19-22, and 26 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 33, 35, 36, 41, 46, and 47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,232,705. Claims 1-5, 9, 12-17, 19-22, and 26 were rejected under a non-statutory double patenting rejection. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to overcome these rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 10, 11, 27, and 30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant acknowledges and thanks the examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 6, 10, 11, 27, and 30.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((612) 373-6944) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743

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